

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AMITE RIVER BASIN DRAINAGE & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

3535 S. Sherwood Forest Boulevard, Suite 135, Baton Rouge, LA

August 21, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT DURING ROLL CALL: Ben Babin, Jerry Thibeau, David Hoover, Lionel Bailey, James Little, Don Thompson, Tamiara Wade, Kenneth "Wade" Welborn

MEMBERS ABSENT: Willie George Lee, Matt Milazzo, Larry Thomas

Vacancy: East Feliciana Parish, St. Helena Parish

ALSO, PRESENT: ARBC Executive Director Dietmar Rietschier, ARBC Executive Secretary Toni Guitrau, ARBC Legal Counsel Larry Bankston

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Babin.

2. Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comments on Agenda Items:

4. Minutes

Bankston requested an amendment to the minutes, to correct Item #7 Legal Counsel section, delete 3rd line. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thompson, second by Thibeau to approve the July regular meeting minutes, as amended.

5. Financial Statement Report

- Hoover presented to the Board the July 2018 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thompson, second by Thibeau to approve the July 2018 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.
- Hancock-Whitney General Fund Bank Resolution – Treasury Management. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thompson, second by Wade to approve the bank signature resolution, as presented.

6. Executive Director Report

- ARBC is still involved in right-of-entries, servitudes, etc. The USACE is unable to attend the meeting tonight.
- Discussed the pipeline relocation.
- Rietschier attended an LSU Symposium about two weeks ago. People from the Channel 2 and 9, and local governments were in attendance. At the symposium, Rietschier made a presentation on Floodplain Management basin wide, and the ARBC's involvement with the CRDC Project.
- Discussed the Borrow pit agreement with East Baton Rouge Parish. This is being coordinated with the US Army Corps of Engineers.
- A Right-of-Entry has been requested by the US Army Corps of Engineers to have access to begin the construction phase for the US Hwy 61 bridge and railroad bridge in the vicinity of the Lilly Bayou Structure.
- As part of the utility relocations along US Hwy 61 at the future Comite River Diversion Canal crossing, Mid-Louisiana Gas Transmission LLC requested a servitude across ARBC property for the purpose to relocate a 8" and a 12" diameter gas pipeline. This is necessary to be able to build the railroad bridge. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thompson, seconded by Bailey to approve Resolution 1140, contingent upon acknowledgement from them they are complying with the USACE. Rietschier said that they need to comply by way of letter, email or acknowledgment from the USACE and DOTD basically stating that they are in agreement with this.
- Resolution 1141. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Babin, seconded by Thompson to approve Resolution 1141, authorizing, Dietmar Rietschier, Executive Director, to sign any and all documents, agreements, permits, and rights-of-way and any other instrument on behalf of the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District in furtherance of executing the right-of-way and servitude agreement by and between ARBC and various utilities, as he deems necessary in his sole discretion.
- DOTD Report by Susan Douglas and Christina Brignac
DOTD is currently waiting on the right of way information from the Corps before they can move forward with acquiring the construction servitude associated with the Bypass Road tie ins at US61 and the permanent servitude needed for the Barnett Road relocation. Utility relocation designs are ongoing at this time. DOTD is working with the utilities and the Corps to provide any assistance possible in clearing wetland concerns in areas where HDD pits and pipe laydown will be occurring. The pipelines on the east

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side of US61 have begun discussions with landowners on both the north and south of the channel with civil and environmental surveys anticipated to begin the week of 9.10 DOTD is working with USACE to identify potential funding for initiation of design activities at LA 964, LA 19 and LA 67 while waiting on supplemental funding guidance. Initial design activities will include survey and geotechnical at all remaining bridge locations.

7. ARBC Legal Counsel

The Board unanimously approved a motion by Hoover, seconded by Wade to approve Resolution 1142, a Resolution authorizing Ben Babin, in his capacity as President of the Board of Commissioners for the Amite River Drainage and Water Conservation District, to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge; Whereas, the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge desires to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District related to the sale of borrow and fill material located on property owned by the Commission.

- Borrow and Fill Material/CEA between ARBC and EBR City Parish. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Hoover, seconded by Wade to approve said CEA, as presented. They will pay \$1.50 per CY for dirt. Bankston said that they have agreed to improve the private servitude on Irene Rd. They plan is to make it 2-way traffic. They will use US Hwy. 61 to access the site initially while the road is being improved. This will stay in effect until the property is transferred to EBR Parish.
- Discussed that DOTD does not have quick-take authority for a canal but ARBC is uniquely set up with quick-take authority. There is going to be a new PCA going forward, with new terms and agreements as part of a guidance that is being waited on.

8. Old Business – See above under ARBC Legal Counsel – Borrow and Fill Material/CEA between ARBC and EBR City Parish.

9. New Business - None

10. The Board adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.

APPROVED:

/s/ Ben Babin, ARBC President

Date: September 18, 2018

/s/ Toni B. Guitrau, Executive Secretary